

In the Claims:

~~Cancel claims 1, 12, and 22-26;~~

~~Add new claims 27, 28; and~~

~~Amend claims 2-11 and 13-17 and 20 as follows:~~

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) The schedule management system of claim + 27,

wherein the ~~controller~~ public web server is further configured to provide each of the managed parties with a modification means for generating the modification data;

wherein the ~~system~~ further comprises a receiving means further receives for receiving the modification data entered via the modification means by the managed parties; ~~and~~

~~wherein the controller is further configured to modify the schedule stored in the schedule table with the received modification data.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The schedule management system of claim + 27,

wherein the transfer of the schedule to the common schedule table is automatically activated in response to the modification being when the modification to the schedule has been completed.

4. (Currently Amended) The schedule management system of claim + 27,
wherein the ~~controller~~ public web server is further configured to provide each of
the managed parties with a progress input means;

wherein the ~~system further comprises a receiving means further receives for~~
~~receiving~~ progress data entered via the progress input means by the managed
parties;

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wherein the ~~controller~~ internal server is further configured to:
receive the progress data from the public web server;
record the received progress data in the schedule stored in the schedule
table; and

~~wherein the transfer means transfers~~ transfer the schedule in which the
progress data is recorded to the common schedule table.

5. (Currently Amended) The schedule management system of claim 4,
wherein the transfer of the schedule to the common schedule table is automatically
activated in response to the progress data being ~~when the progress data has been~~
recorded.

6. (Currently Amended) The schedule management system of claim + 27,
wherein ~~the common schedule table is provided in a web server provided outside~~
~~the managing party, the public web server is being connected to the managed~~
parties through the Internet;

wherein the ~~controller~~ public web server is further configured to provide
each of the managed parties with a page for inquiring the schedule stored in the
common schedule table through the Internet.

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7. (Currently Amended) The schedule management system of claim 2,
wherein ~~the common schedule table is provided in a web server provided outside~~
~~the managing party, the public web server is being connected to the managed~~
parties through the Internet;

wherein the modification means includes include a page for entering the
modification data; and

wherein, in response to a click of a transfer button provided on the page, the
modification data entered in the page is transferred to the ~~system~~ public web
server.

8. (Currently Amended) The schedule management system of claim 4,
wherein ~~the common schedule table is provided in a web server provided outside~~

~~the managing party, the public web server is being~~ connected to the managed parties through the Internet;

wherein the progress input means includes a page for entering the progress data; and

wherein, in response to a click of a transfer button provided on the page, the progress data entered in the page is transferred to the ~~system~~ public web server.

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9. (Currently Amended) The schedule management system of claim 4, wherein the ~~controller~~ internal server is further configured to display progress representative of the progress data in a hierarchical format.

10. (Currently Amended) The schedule management system of claim 5 4, wherein the ~~controller~~ internal server is further configured to compare the progress data with the schedule, to assign a mark to the progress data in accordance with the comparison result, and to display the progress by the mark.

11. (Currently Amended) The schedule management system of claim 9, wherein the ~~controller~~ internal server is further configured to provide a page for viewing or editing a schedule in response to a selection of the schedule on the screen where the progress of the schedule is displayed.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~12~~ 28, in which each of the managed parties may submit schedule modification data;
at the managing party, receiving modification data submitted by one or more of the managed parties; and
modifying the schedule stored in the schedule table with the received modification data.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~12~~ 28, wherein the transfer to the common schedule table is automatically activated in response to completion of the modification of the schedule.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~12~~ 28, wherein each of the managed parties may submit progress data;
at the managing party public web server, receiving progress data submitted by one or more of the managed parties;
at the internal server, receiving the progress data from the public web server;

recording the received progress data in the schedule stored in the schedule table; and

transferring the schedule in which the progress data is recorded to the common schedule table.

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~schedule management system method~~ of claim 15, wherein the transfer to the common schedule table is automatically activated in response to recordation of the progress data ~~has been recorded in the schedule.~~

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17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~12~~ 28, wherein the managed parties connect to the common schedule table through the Internet.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising displaying progress representative of the progress data in a hierarchical format.

19. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising comparing the progress data with the schedule;

assigning a mark to the progress data in accordance with the comparison result; and

displaying the progress by the mark.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising providing a page for viewing or editing a schedule in response to a selection of the schedule on the display of progress.

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21. (Original) The method according to claim 19 comprising providing a page for viewing or editing a schedule in response to a selection of the schedule on the display of progress.

22.-26. (Cancelled)

27. (New) A schedule management system including an internal server for a managing party and one or more managed parties, the internal server and the managed parties connected via a public web server, the system comprising:

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a schedule table provided on the internal server, the schedule table storing a schedule created by the managing party;
a common schedule table provided on the public web server, the common schedule table storing the schedule transferred from the internal server so that the managed parties refer to the schedule; and

receiving means provided on the public web server, the receiving means receiving modification data from one or more of the managed parties;

wherein the internal server is configured to:

receive the modification data from the public web server;

modify the schedule stored in the schedule table with the modification

data; and

transfer the modified schedule to the common schedule table,

wherein the internal server is further configured to reject a direct access from the managed parties.

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/28. (New) In a system including an internal server for a managing party and one or more managed parties, the internal server and managed parties connected via a network, a public web server provided on the network, a method for managing a schedule between the managing party and the one or more managed parties, comprising:

storing a schedule created by the managing party in a schedule table provided in the internal server;

storing the schedule transferred from the internal server in a common schedule table provided in the public web server so that the managed parties refer to the schedule;

receiving at the public web server modification data from one or more of the managed parties;

receiving at the internal server the modification data from the public web

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server;

modifying the schedule stored in the schedule table; and

transferring the modified schedule to the common schedule table,

wherein the internal server is configured to reject a direct access from the

managed parties.